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Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Esq.,
Counselor at Law,
120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo. It is rather difficult for us to fix our charges in the matter. As the people involved are your clients and not ours, and as you know their financial condition and the value of the services to them, we prefer that you fix our compensation and anything that you may do in the matter will be entirely satisfactory to us. However, we may state that two half days were consumed in making arrangements for and interviewing the City Editor of the Chronicle, and making arrangements for and visiting Alcatraz Island. Access to the Island is rather difficult as a permit had to be secured from Army headquarters. Our Mr. Byrne gave the matter his personal attention and took with him a notary to the Island and, of course, we must pay the notary. The interview at the Island required considerable tact and we feel that we were successful in our mission. We incurred expenses of \$11.16 for telegraph charges.

If we can be of any further service to you in the matter, please advise us.

Thanking you, we beg to remain,

LDB:R

Very truly yours,

Byrne & Lamson

J. R. MOULTHROP
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
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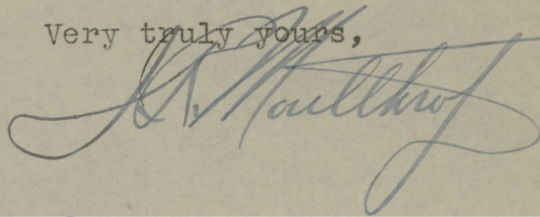
Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Esq.,
Counselor at law,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

I was very sorry indeed to have been unable to attend to the Hall-Mills matter. Had I been able to have done so I would have made no charge whatever for my services, realizing that your interest in this matter is largely philanthropic and being particularly desirous of doing anything I possibly could to accommodate our friend Mr. Wheeler.

Byrne & Lamson handled the matter capably I feel and possibly better than I would have done. I have no business connections with them other than sharing offices and clerical hire, and so have no control over or any interest in any charges they may have made for their services.

Very truly yours,



JRM:R

Cc to Mr. William M. Wheeler.

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September 20, 1926.

John R. Moulthrop, Esq.,
American Bank Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Moulthrop:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of September 4th. I have been so swamped with work that I have not had an opportunity to do so previously. I have just written Byrne & Lamson concerning their charges for their services. I am confident that we can come to an understanding as to their reasonable value.

I certainly hope to have the pleasure of meeting you the next time I am in San Francisco with my brother-in-law, Mr. Wheeler.

Very truly yours,

TNP/o

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September 20, 1926.

Byrne & Lamson, Esqs.,
American Bank Building,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I trust you will pardon my delay in acknowledging receipt of your letter of September 14th. You will understand it is due solely to my complete absorption in other matters having to do with the Hall-Mills case. I appreciate greatly the effort that you made to obtain an affidavit from Dickman and the information that you did obtain. I understand that Dickman is now on his way East and that he has a criminal record such as would destroy him in any event as a credible witness.

Mrs. Hall and her family have the reputation of being persons of great wealth. This is not the fact at all; but they are of sufficient means to pay for services rendered. You know the difficulties that lawyers always labor under in fixing fees, and for that reason I hesitate to suggest a specific amount. The thought that I have had is a fee of \$100.00 and expenses, but if this does not seem reasonable to you please do not hesitate to inform me what the amount was that you had in mind and I am confident that we can come to an agreement.

Again let me thank you for your very prompt and efficient handling of the matter referred to.

Very truly yours,

TNP/o

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TIMOTHY N. PFEIFFER

121 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

WIRE RECEIVED. MY OFFICE IS ATTENDING TO MATTER.

JOHN R. MOULTHROP

Charge,

Byrne & Lamson,
1001 American Bank Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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VIA DA NEWYORK NY 16 345P

23 NICHOL AVE NEWBRUNSWICK NJ.

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ADJUTANT AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND STATES THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW STORY
GOT OUT PRISONERS INTERVIEWED NO ONE THAT PRISONERS NOW
DECLINE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT WHATEVER CONCERNING MATTER
HOWEVER HE HAS ARRANGED FOR US TO VISIT THE ISLAND TOMORROW
AND WE MAY POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW MEN STOP INTERVIEWED
CITY EDITOR CHRONICLE HE STATES THAT PRISONERS

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DID NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENT OR GIVE INTERVIEW TO THEIR
REPRESENTATIVE BUT THAT STORY CAME THROUGH LEAKS FROM
DISCHARGED PRISONERS TO WHOM DICKMAN TOLD STORY.

JOHN R MOULTHROP.

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TIMOTHY N PFIEFFER.

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120 BROADWAY NEWYORK NY.

VISITED ALCATRAZ TODAY PRISONERS REFUSE TO MAKE ANY
STATEMENT WHATSOEVER TO US AND ALSO REFUSE TO MAKE ANY
STATEMENT WHATSOEVER TO REPRESENTATIVE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT
WHO ARE TRYING TO GET INTERVIEW FOR PROSECUTION COLONEL
MORROW STATED HE WAS SATISFIED AFTER TALKING WITH DICKMAN
THAT DICKMAN HAD MADE NO STATEMENT OF ANY KIND TO ANYONE
FELLOW PRISONER OR OTHERWISE WE BELIEVE STORY CAME.

*Amusing
M. R. R. R.
San Francisco*

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THROUGH PRISONER CURTIS WHO WE ARE INFORMED BY ISLAND
OFFICIALS IS A PSYCHOPATHIC LIAR AND WAS PROVEN TO HAVE
BEEN IN LACKAWANNA REFORM SCHOOL AT TIME OF HALL MURDER
ISLAND OFFICIALS ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY MOVEMENT TO HAVE
PRISONERS TAKEN TO NEWJERSEY.

JOHN R MOULTHROP.

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121 BROADWAY NEWYORKNY.

WIRE RECEIVED MY OFFICE IS ATTENDING TO MATTER.

JOHN R MOULTHROP.

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NEW YORK AUGUST 14 1926

MR JOHN R MOULTHROP
AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

AM WIRING YOU AT SUGGESTION OF MY BROTHER IN LAW WILLIAM M WHEELER OF PIERMONT AS COUNSEL FOR MRS HALL I AM PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF CHECKING UP THE ACCURACY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH THAT SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE HAS OBTAINED STATEMENT FROM HENRY L DICKMAN FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPER AND NOW CONFINED IN THE U S DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS ALCATRAZ THAT HE WAS BRIBED TO KEEP SILENT IN THE FORMER HALL MILLS INQUIRY STOP SUCH STATEMENT IS FALSE I BELIEVE IT IS PART OF HEARST NEWSPAPER PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST MRS HALL STOP WILL YOU PLEASE SEE COLONEL MORROW COMMANDING OFFICER ALCATRAZ AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER DICKMAN HAS MADE SUCH STATEMENT ALSO IF POSSIBLE OBTAIN SWORN AFFIDAVIT BY DICKMAN DENYING BRIBERY CHARGE OR WITHHOLDING FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE ANY INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION ABOUT THE CASE STOP THERE IS A CHARGE IN NEW JERSEY AGAINST DICKMAN ALLEGING THAT HE OBTAINED MONEY BY PASSING BAD CHECK AND MY FEAR IS THAT PRESENT PROSECUTOR MAY ATTEMPT TO BRING PRESSURE ON DICKMAN BY OFFERING HIM IMMUNITY ON SUCH CHARGE PLEASE WIRE ME FULLY AND FORWARD DUPLICATE ORIGINAL AFFIDAVITS IN SEPARATE AIR MAIL LETTERS. ADDRESS ONE TWENTY BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY

TIMOTHY N PFEIFFER

CHARGE:

J. S. Lamson
American Bank Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

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NEW YORK AUGUST 14 1926

MR JOHN R MOUNTAIN
AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

AM WIRING YOU AT SUGGESTION OF MY BROTHER IN LAW WILLIAM M WHEELER OF PIERMONT *Stop*
AS COUNSEL FOR MRS HALL I AM PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF CHECKING UP THE ACCURACY
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FULLY AND FORWARD DUPLICATE ORIGINAL AFFIDAVITS IN SEPARATE AIR MAIL LETTERS.
ADDRESS ONE TWENTY BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY

TIMOTHY N PFEIFFER

CHARGE: Nathaniel J. Palzer
120 Broadway

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NEW YORK AUGUST 14 1926

MR JOHN R MONTGOMERY
AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

AM WIRING YOU AT SUGGESTION OF MY BROTHER IN LAW WILLIAM M WHEELER OF PLEMONT *stop*
AS COUNSEL FOR MRS HALL I AM PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF CHECKING UP THE ACCURACY
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ADDRESS ONE TWENTY BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY

TIMOTHY H PFLEIFFER

CHARGE: Nathaniel J. Palmer
120 Broadway

Am wiring you at suggestion of my brother-in-law, W. H. Wheeler

As counsel for Mrs. Hall I am particularly desirous of checking up

the accuracy of Associated Press dispatch that San Francisco Chronicle has obtained statement from Henry L. Dickman, former New Jersey State Police Trooper, and now confined in the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, that he was bribed to keep silent in the former Hall-Mills inquiry. ^{Stop} Such statement is false. I believe it is part of Hearst newspaper propaganda campaign against Mrs. Hall. ^{Stop} Will you please see Colonel Morrow, Commanding Officer, Alcatraz, and ascertain whether Dickman has made such statement, also, if possible, obtain sworn affidavit by Dickman denying bribery charge or withholding from his superiors in the New Jersey State Police any information in his possession about the case. ^{Stop} There is a charge in New Jersey against Dickman alleging that he obtained money by passing bad check and my fear is that present prosecutor may attempt to bring pressure on Dickman by offering him immunity on such charge. Please wire me fully and forward duplicate original affidavits in separate air mail letters. Address 120 Broadway, New York City.

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John R. Moulthrop
American Bank Bldg
San Francisco,
California

August 30, 1926.

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Byrne & Lamson,
American Bank Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I regret that I have not had an opportunity before this, to acknowledge your letter of August 19th covering your activities in the Dickman matter. I appreciate greatly the action which you took and feel confident that this falsehood has been disposed of permanently. Will you be good enough to let me have your statement for professional services in the matter.

Will you also express my appreciation to Mr. Moulthrop for his quick action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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August 24, 1926

Messrs. Byrne & Lamson,
American Bank Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

In the absence of Mr. Pfeiffer,
who is still engaged in matters connected with the
Hall-Mills case, permit me to acknowledge your
letter of the 19th, reporting on the visit made to
Alcatraz Island. I am sure that Mr. Pfeiffer
will acknowledge this in person at his first
opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to
T. N. Pfeiffer

Copy to Mr. J.R. Moulthrop,
American Bank Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

J. S. LAMSON
LEO D. BYRNE

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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AUGUST
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Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Esq.,
Attorney at law,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are associated with Mr. John R. Moulthrop who received your wire, but as he was going out of the city he asked us to handle your matter in his name.

As we wired you under date of August 16th, we interviewed the City Editor of the Chronicle as to the source of the story. He admitted to us that the story did not come direct from Dickman or Curtis, but intimated that it came through some discharged prisoner who heard the story from some one at Alcatraz.

On August 17th our Mr. Byrne secured a pass to go to Alcatraz Island and took with him a notary in the hope of being able to get a sworn statement from the men in question. Colonel Morrow received us very nicely but was quite reticent. Both Dickman and Curtis refused to be interviewed. Colonel Morrow said that it was being done under his advice because apparently Dickman was wanted in the east for several crimes and that he did not deem it advisable for these men to be interviewed by anyone.

He stated, however, that after talking with Dickman he was satisfied that Dickman had not made the statements attributed to him by the paper to anyone. We were told that Curtis was a psychopathic liar and that it had been proven that he was in Lackawanna reform school at the time of the Hall murder. When we asked Colonel Morrow if the story came through Curtis he shrugged his shoulders and said he did not know, but

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at least Curtis was not doing any talking now. Our conclusion was that Curtis was the source of the story and we came to the conclusion that there was very little in it.

Very truly yours,

LDB:R

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